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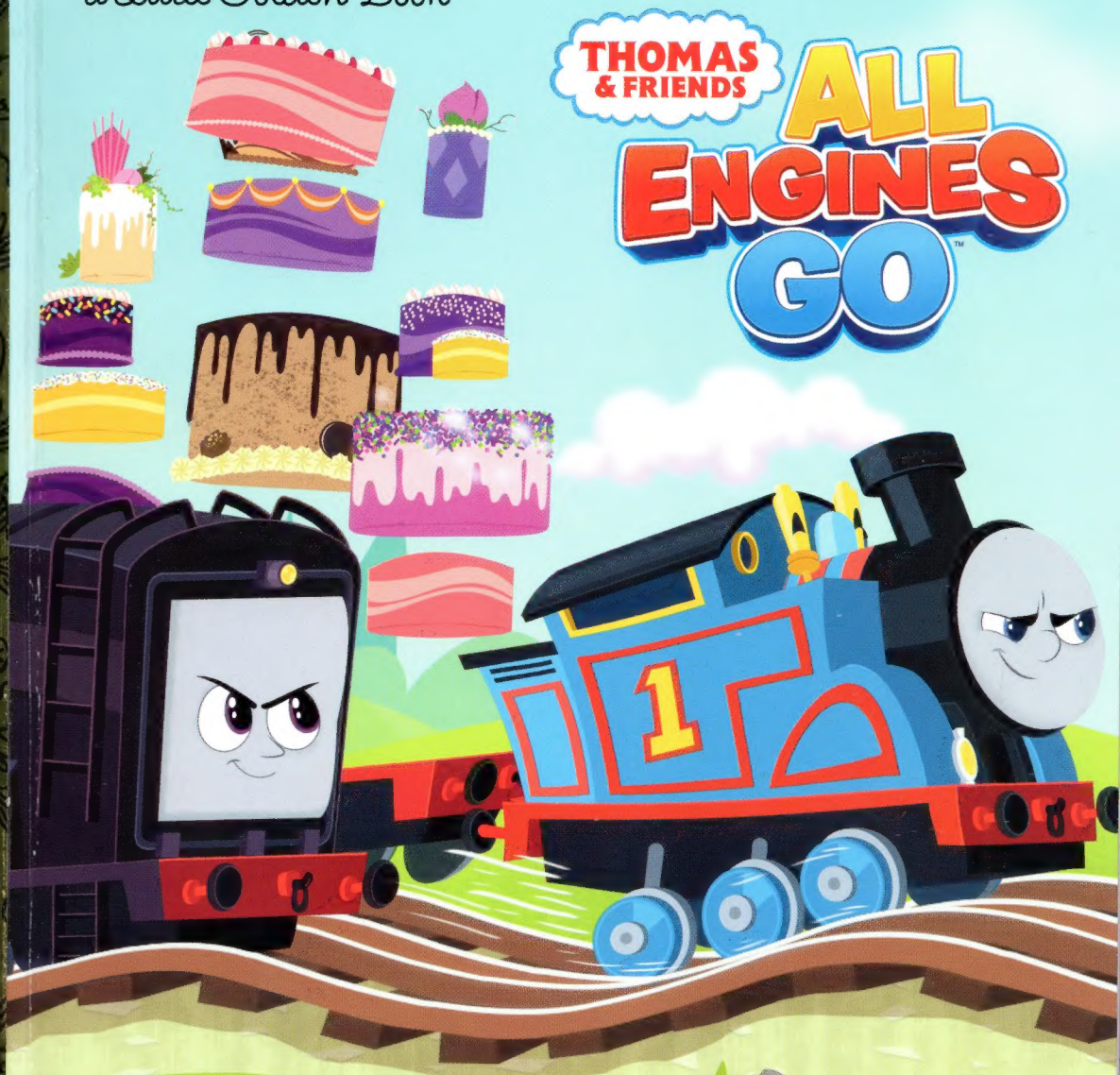

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It was a very special day on the Island of Sodor! It was the Sodor Cake Festival, and all the bakers were competing for blue-ribbon prizes.

Thomas and Diesel had a big job—they were carrying the cakes to the festival in Vicarstown.

"Be careful!" Sir Topham Hatt reminded them.

Percy was carrying an extra-special cake. It was eggs, flour, milk, and sugar—all separated! It was being entered for the Abstract Cake Prize.

"I call it a Kooky Cake!" Percy tooted.

Thomas and Diesel were soon on their way. They tried to be careful, but they didn't want to be late, either. The festival was waiting for their cakes!

"I wonder how fast we can get there," Thomas said.

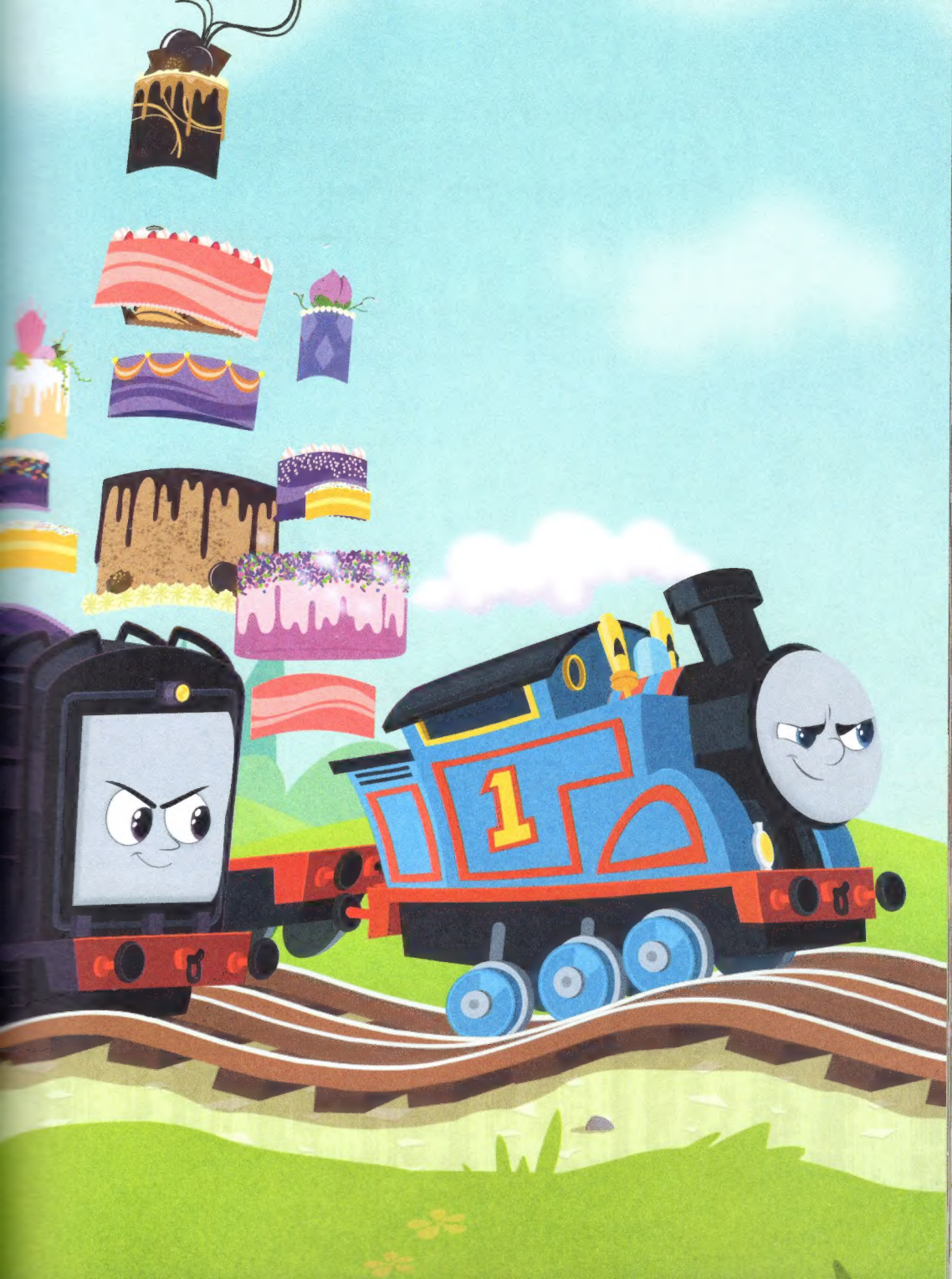
"Who can get there *first*?" Diesel asked.

"May the fastest engine win!" said Thomas.

They both zoomed toward Vicarstown.

Thomas and Diesel raced faster and faster. Before they knew it, the tracks started to get bumpy. The cakes bounced up, down, and all around, and the layers of all the cakes got mixed up!

"Stop! Our cakes!" exclaimed Thomas.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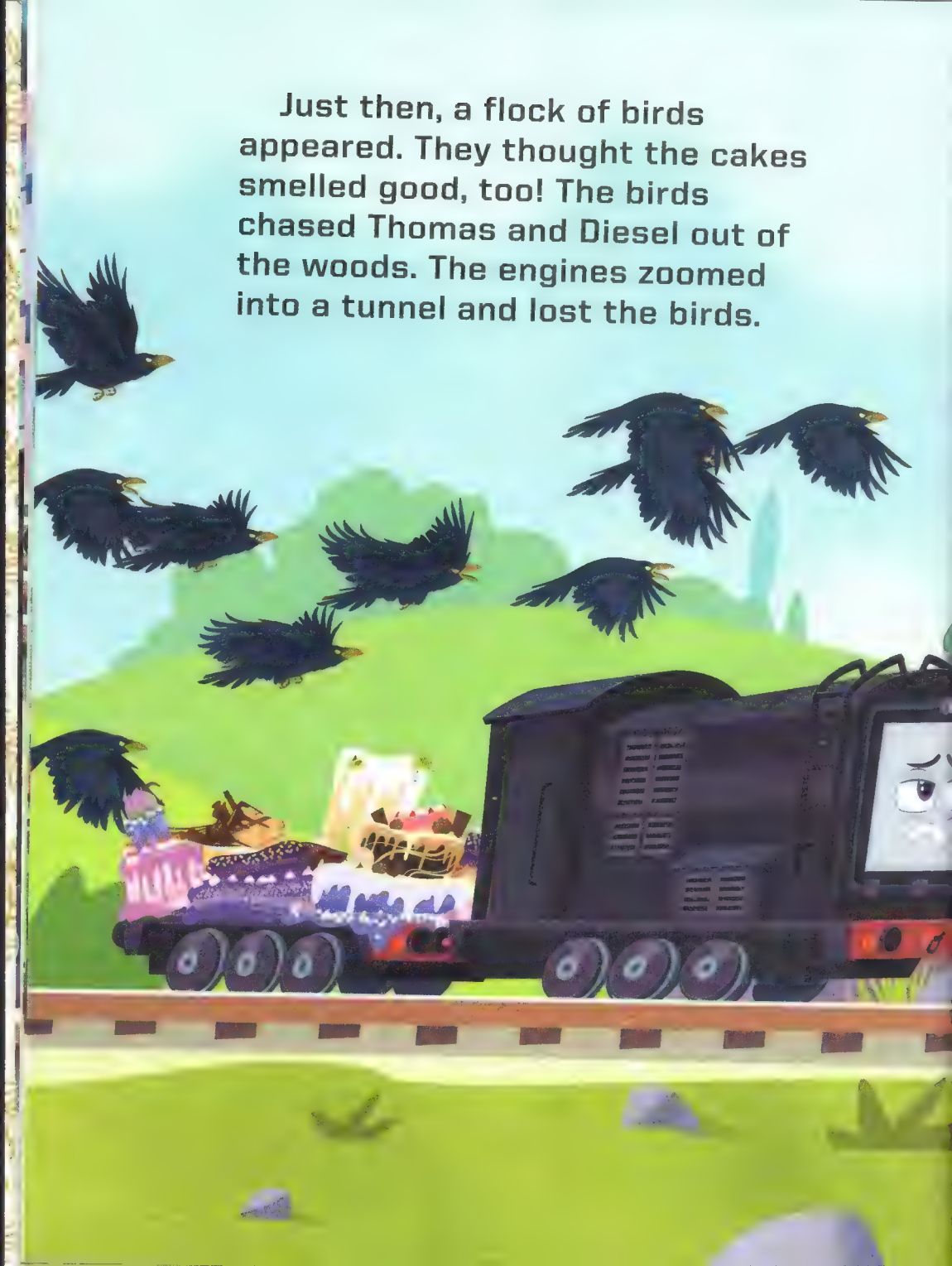
The two engines stopped to try to put the cakes back together, but then it started raining!

The cakes were getting wet!

Thomas and Diesel made it over to a wooded area and tried to protect the cakes from the rain. But it was too late. The cakes were soaking wet.

"At least they still smell good," Diesel said.

Just then, a flock of birds appeared. They thought the cakes smelled good, too! The birds chased Thomas and Diesel out of the woods. The engines zoomed into a tunnel and lost the birds.



But there was no time to waste. They had to hurry to reach the festival.

Thomas and Diesel raced to the festival at full speed. When they reached Vicarstown, they had to slam on their brakes to stop. Cake flew off their flatbeds and splattered everywhere. The platform, Thomas' face, and even Sir Topham Hatt were covered in cake and icing!

"This is a *cake*-tastrophe!"
Sir Topham Hatt cried.

"We're sorry," Diesel apologized.

"We weren't careful enough," Thomas said. "We were trying to do the job so fast, we forgot to do it right."

Sir Topham Hatt accepted their apology, but he wasn't sure what to do next. Without cakes, there would be no Cake Festival.

That's when Percy arrived with his abstract cake in tow. It was still perfect!

"Percy!" Thomas peeped. "We can use these eggs, sugar, flour, and milk to make more cakes! The festival is saved!"

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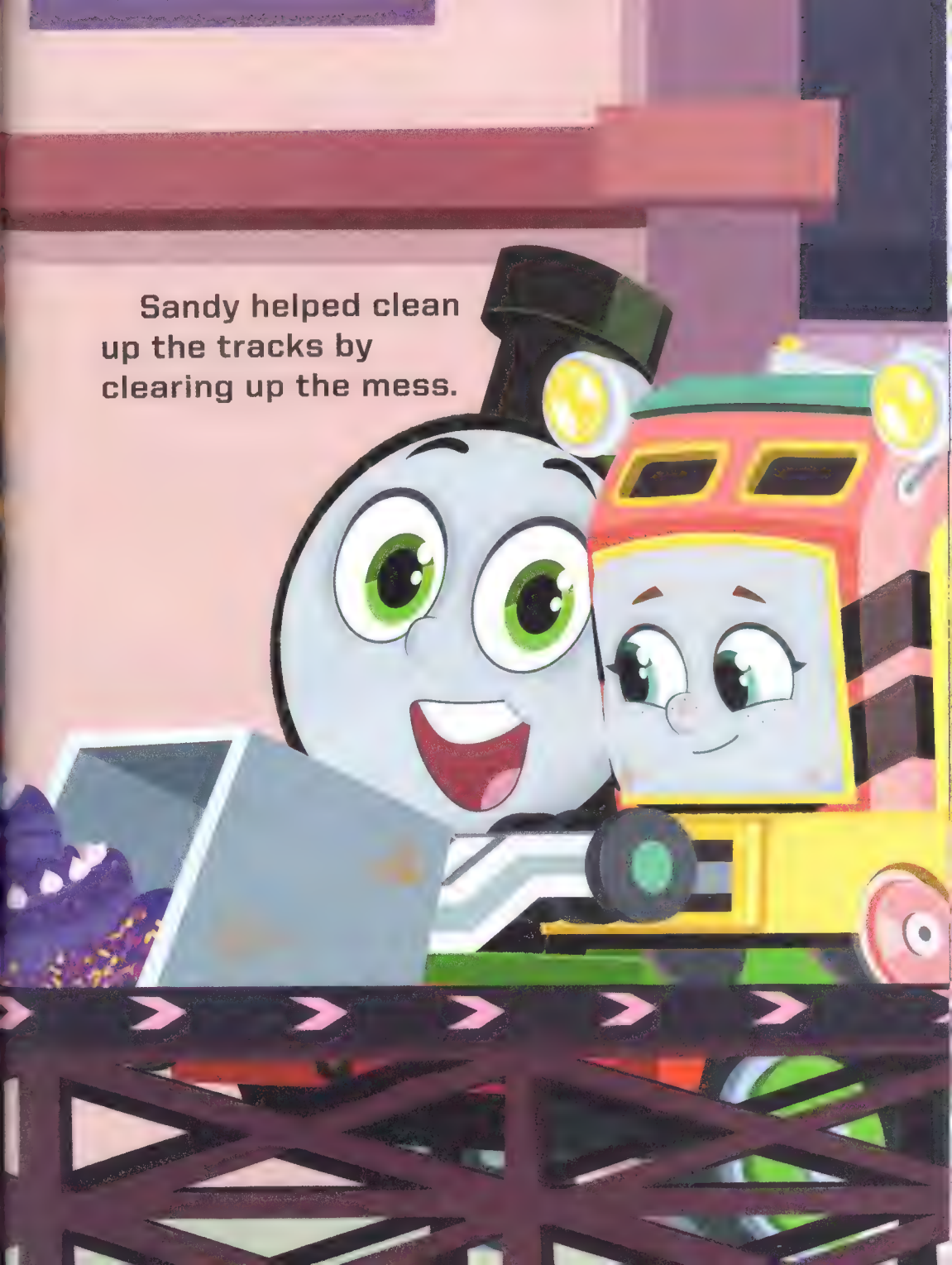
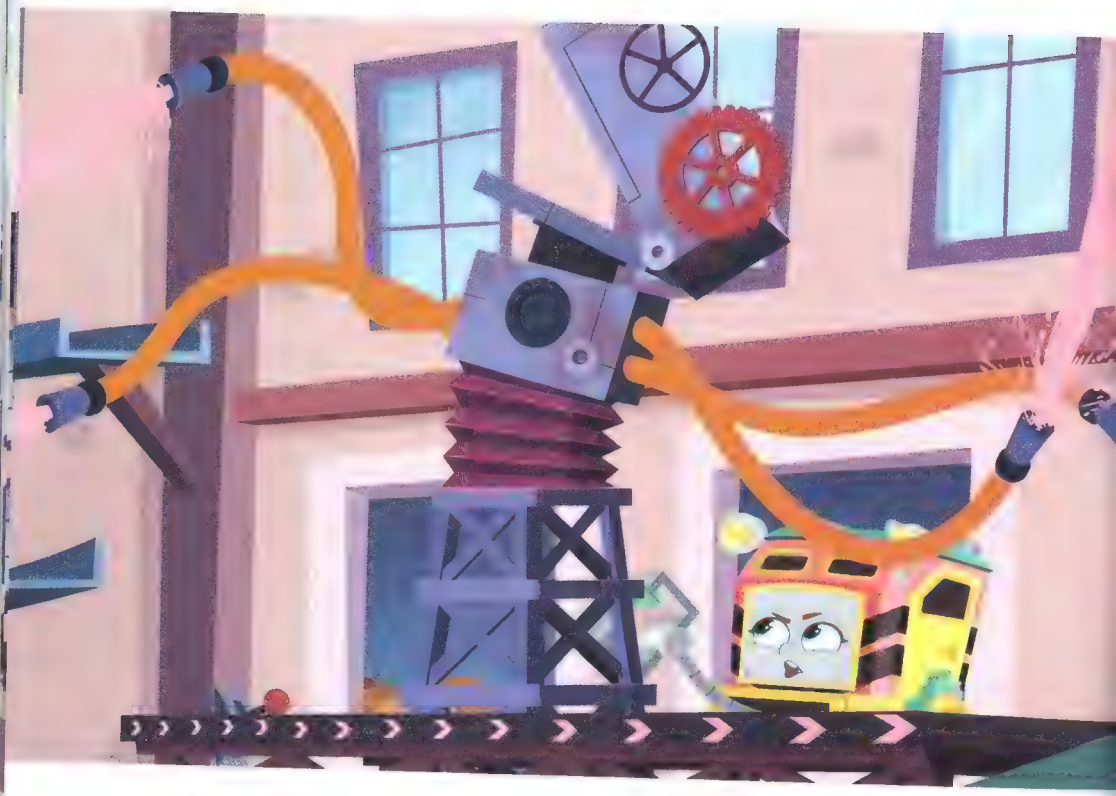
Everyone jumped in to help make more cakes!

The bakers used all the eggs, sugar, flour, and milk and made brand-new cakes.



Sandy helped clean up the tracks by clearing up the mess.



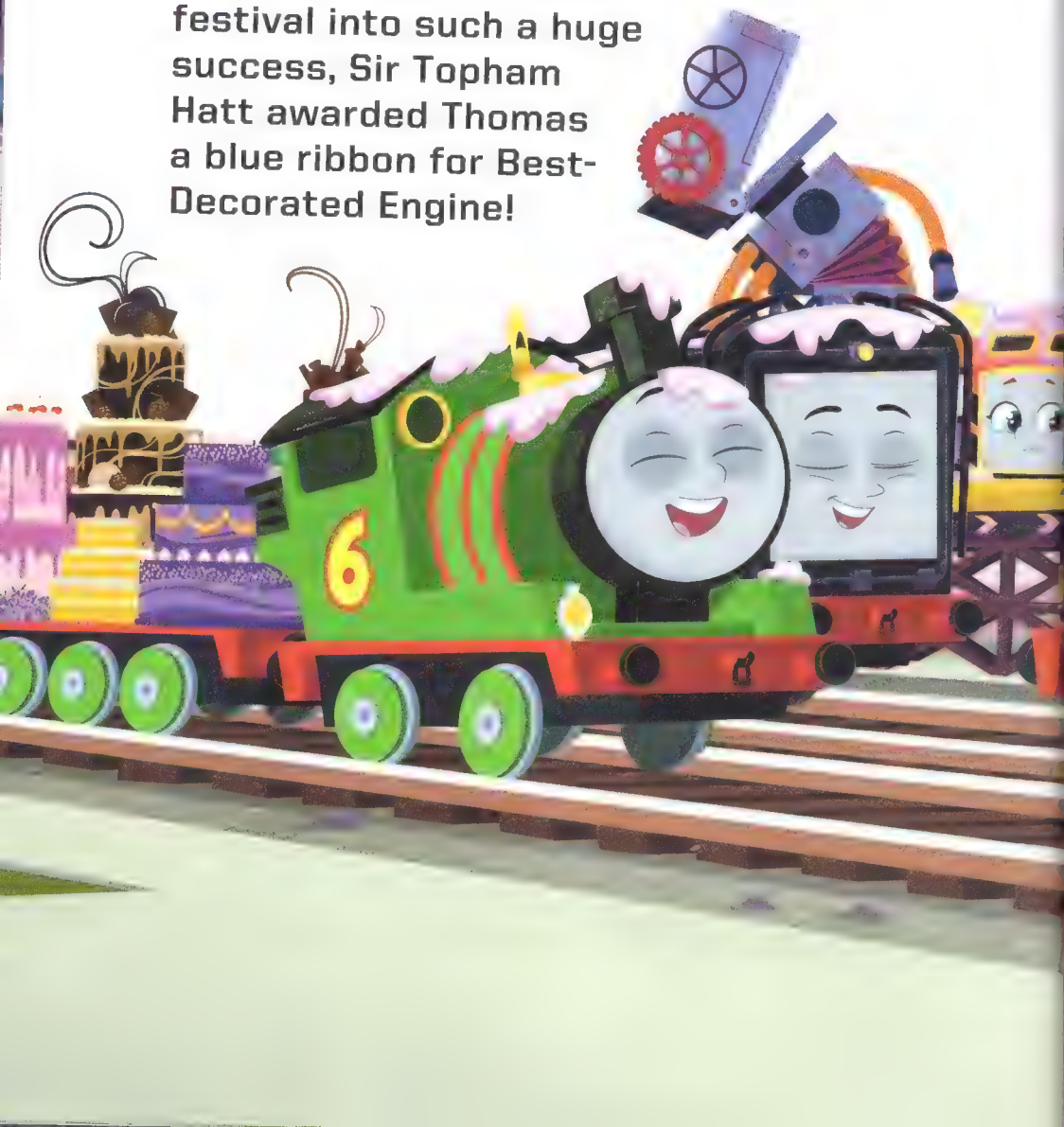
Carly used her cake-decorating invention. She sprayed frosting on the new cakes. The delicious frosting went everywhere!

Everyone loved the new cakes. They looked good, smelled good, and tasted great!

The engines looked good, too. They looked like cakes!

Thanks to everyone's teamwork, the festival was a big success!

For turning the cake festival into such a huge success, Sir Topham Hatt awarded Thomas a blue ribbon for Best-Decorated Engine!



"Fixing our mistake was fun!"
Thomas said. "Messy fun!"

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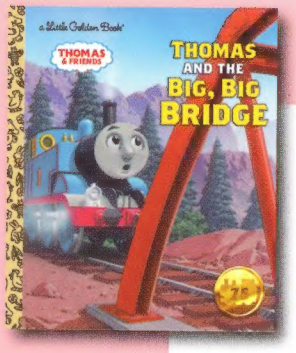

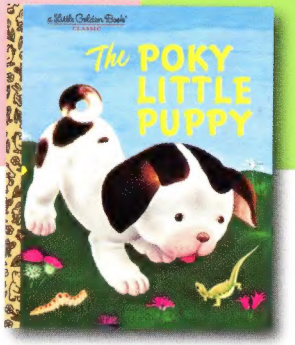

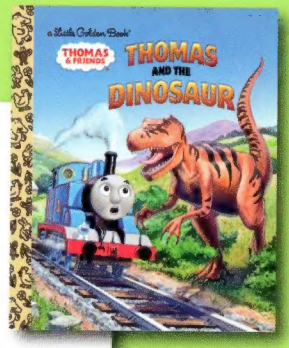

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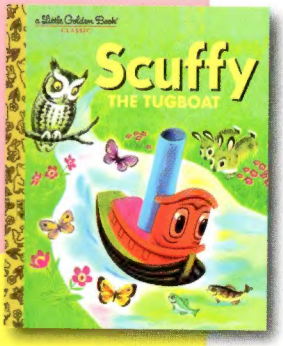

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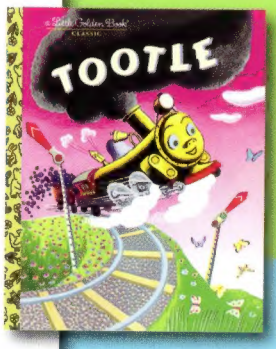

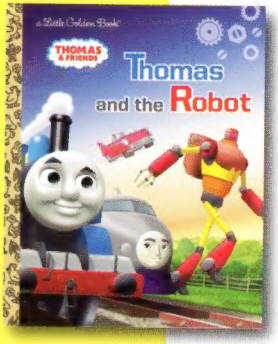

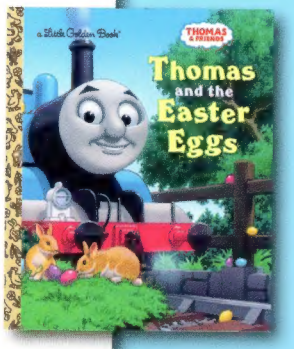

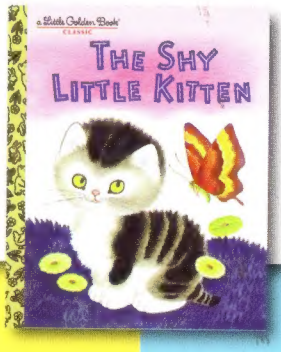

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